

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of : Steven M. H. WALLMAN  
 Group Art Unit : 3696  
 Application No. : 10/627,646  
 Examiner : Hao Fu  
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 For : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING  
 INDIVIDUAL OR SMALLER INVESTORS OR OTHERS TO  
 CREATE AND MANAGE A PORTFOLIO OF SECURITIES  
 OR OTHER ASSETS OR LIABILITIES ON A COST  
 EFFECTIVE BASIS  
 Docket No. : 10392/460042

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The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the cited application and the art cited therein during examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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